

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. MJ 16-540
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) DETENTION ORDER
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LUIS VENANCIO CUETO-RUIZ,)
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Defendant.)
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Offense Charged: Possession of heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine, with intent to distribute, including one kilo or more of a mixture or substance containing cocaine.

Date of Detention Hearing: December 27, 2016.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

(1) The Complaint alleges that defendant, and the co-defendant, possessed with intent to distribute, 3.5 kilos of cocaine, 7 pounds of heroin, and 10 pounds of

01 methamphetamine; and that an additional 10 kilos of cocaine was recovered from a
02 cooler in their possession.

03 (2) Once probable cause is established, by the return of an indictment, or at a preliminary
04 hearing, there will be a rebuttable presumption of detention.

05 (3) The complaint further alleges that, in negotiating for the sale of these controlled
06 substances, defendant told the undercover agent, and the confidential source also
07 involved in the negotiations, that he was working for a powerful Mexican drug cartel;
08 and that if something went wrong with the deal, these people would cut off the heads
09 of both of them.

10 (4) Defendant also allegedly negotiated with the undercover agent to purchase 60 to 100
11 firearms, to be delivered at the U.S. Mexico border.

12 (5) Defendant is alleged to be a citizen of Mexico, and to be present in this country
13 illegally. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") has lodged a detainer
14 against him. Defendant has no known legitimate ties to this area or to the United
15 States.

16 (6) Defendant declined to be interviewed by this court's Pretrial Services Officer.

17 (7) Defendant and his counsel offered nothing in opposition to the entry of a Detention
18 Order.

19 It is therefore ORDERED:

20 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the
21 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent
22 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody

01 pending appeal;

02 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
03 counsel;

04 (3) On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the
05 person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall
06 deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in
07 connection with a court proceeding;

08 (4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel
09 for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States Probation
10 Officer.

11 DATED this 27th day of December, 2016.

12 /s/John L. Weinberg
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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